



## News on the 9th October 2017

### Dates for the diary

#### October

★ Friday 20th October - EYF5 parent learning day (please let the office know which session you are planning to attend).

★ Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

★ Half Term, Nursery closed, holiday club open - we very limited spaces left so please check at the office if you wish to book a session.

#### November

★ Friday 3rd November - Special Learning Book Sharing. A chance to stay at drop off time to look at your child's special book with them.

★ Friday 17th November - Occasional Day (nursery and wraparound closed).

#### December

★ Friday 15th December - Christmas performance 9:30am

★ Tuesday 19th December - Nursery Christmas parties with a special visitor coming at 11:00am and 2:30pm, parents will be invited to join us at these times.

★ Tuesday 19th December - Term ends

★ Wednesday 20th - Friday 23rd December - Christmas holiday club

★ Thursday 4th January - Spring Term starts

Thank you for all your support at the Harvest Festival, the children sat and sang so beautifully. I'm sure you will agree it is hard to believe that some of the children have only been at Nursery for a month.

Nursery has been a hive of activity over the past month with the children learning new routines and developing their understanding of how to use the resources and keep themselves safe at school. This learning has been very ably supported by the outstanding Nursery Team.

We have a busy term coming up and I have included the Christmas performance and parties on this letter so that you can make arrangements for time off work if necessary.

Best wishes, Mrs Williams

### Macmillan cake sale and coffee morning

Thank you to all of you who supported the Macmillan cake sale and coffee morning we held at the end of September. We definitely had some Bake Off worthy contributions! We raised an amazing **£129** for this worthwhile cause.

### School photographs

Individual photographs were taken this week and proofs will be with you in time for you to place and receive your orders before Christmas.



### Toys from home

Please remember that toys from home should not be coming into Nursery. We have plenty of lovely toys and resources here at Tenterfield. Toys from home may get lost or damaged which can lead to a great deal of distress for the child.

### Temperatures are dropping!

Please can children have a named pair of mittens and hat in their bag for cold sessions in the garden. All children also need a change of clothes in their bag on their peg. With such unpredictable weather it is wise that your child brings a coat to Nursery everyday.

Shoes need to be easily manageable for your child as they will be taking them off to put on wellies in the garden. Please ensure they are either Velcro fastened or slip on, **no lace ups**.

The children are learning to replace their own items on their pegs and are supported by staff to do this however if items are not named it is very hard to do this. Please make sure that you name all items of clothing and return to us any items that may have come home with your child by mistake.

Thank you

### Pick up and drop off

Please ensure that you are only collecting your child early in an emergency. In order for children to fully settle into life here at Tenterfield they need to attend their full session. Often children haven't yet got the words or confidence to explain that they feel sad or insecure if they have missed the beginning or end of a session. It is therefore important for your child's sense of wellbeing and security within the setting that they are present for their entire session. If you are unsure of your child's precise session times please ask their Key Person or at the office.

### Easy fundraising:

We are able to raise free funds for school when shopping on the internet by registering with **Easy Fundraising**. Please click on the following link to register and then click through the website or app each time you shop online to raise funds for the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tbcc/>

Easy Fundraising has over 3200 retailers who will send a donation to our school based on a percentage of your total spend or a lump sum. It costs you NOTHING extra but Easy Fundraising will send a cheque to us once a term which helps to boost school funds and directly benefits your children. We do not get to see who has made the purchase or which items have been bought but there is a leader board for funds raised so perhaps you can knock the staff of the top 5! Last term we raised more than £50 based purely on the donations raised by 2 people, can you help us to beat it this month? As it is coming up to Christmas shopping time please do sign up and tell your friends and family about it too! With every referral made we earn an extra donation.

Biggest donations come from booking holidays, day trips, insurance etc.

I have a challenge for you all - can Tenterfield staff and families raise £500 before the end of the school year?

Thank you

### Snack donations

Thank you for the great response to the snack donation request on the last newsletter. It is a great help to have your contributions and means that we are able to continue to offer a wide selection of healthy snacks to the children. Watching them try new foods and independently clear up is amazing!

### We are working to keep your child safe and well

If your child is unfit for school, please phone the office to let us know, we will need to ring if we have an unexplained absence.

To prevent infection, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to remain away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Please keep your emergency contacts up to date so that we can ring you if your child is unwell.

### Wraparound bookings

Please remember to book your half term and Christmas holiday wraparound sessions as soon as possible as places are filling up!

In order that we can effectively staff wraparound and order the correct amount of food we ask that you book on a termly basis. We will release very limited **one off** slots on a Friday for the following week. These need to be booked on Friday using the booking form outside the office. Wraparound is open from 7.30-6pm during term times and 8.00-6pm in holiday times.

For any questions about wraparound bookings please speak to the office.

## Tenterfield Twos

We are pleased to announce that Tenterfield will be taking a limited number of funded 2 year olds from Monday 30th October 2017. This will be for morning sessions only. To check if you are eligible for a 2 year old government funded nursery place go to

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/childcare-and-advice-for-parents/free-early-education-and-childcare/free-early-education-and-childcare.aspx>

If you are eligible for a funded 2 year old space please collect an application form from the school office. Applications will close for the Autumn Term on Monday 16th October 2017.

## New friends

As well as our guinea-pigs Tom and Jerry, we now have 3 beautiful big rabbits living in the Tenterfield garden. Lollop, Bailey and Whiskey have lived with Mrs. Williams and her husband for many years. They love cuddles and munching on carrots and are really excited to be looked after by the children here at Tenterfield.

Animals have proven benefits for the wellbeing of children and adults. They can be a good distraction when feeling anxious or sad. They also have a positive impact on communication and language development. We have already seen the positive impact the Nursery animals are having on the children - teaching responsibility, kindness, consideration of others etc.



## Healthy packed lunches

Finding it hard to make a pack lunch healthy? Busy schedule getting in the way of making a healthy alternative?

We will be running a series of monthly top tips for quick healthy alternatives to crisps, chocolates, biscuits, cakes etc.

### Alternatives to crisps

Rice cakes, carrot and cucumber sticks with hummus, toasted pitta triangles with tzatziki.

Top tip - crispy kale chips, toss a bag of kale in olive oil and garlic salt. Lay on a baking tray and bake on a fan oven at 180 degrees until they begin to brown at the edges.

Please be aware that the children only have 40 minutes in which to eat their lunch and so bare that in min when considering the portion size. All grapes need to be cut in half to ensure they are not a choking hazard.

Thank you

## Parent Learning Day

Come along and learn with your child, sit and join in the nursery activities. Then join us for a coffee and quick Q and A session to discuss what you have seen! Let us know at the office if you want to join us at 8.50 or 12.30. We will be launching our home learning packs, if you can't attend we will send out information on the scheme.